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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments, which are believed to be needed for proper disclosure and protection of the invention and which require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Patent and Trademark Office.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

-- 1. (Currently Amended) A hollow load bearing structural element comprising a body extruded from a thermoplastic plastics material which is compounded with chopped glass fibers so that the element has a flexural modulus of 4000 MPa or above [without external reinforcement], the body having no exterior reinforcement layer.